

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2254 - HB 2976**

January 27, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement an online assessment system that measures student mastery of content standards and skills achievement in each subject area tested by the TCAP and the Gateway tests. The online testing system would provide test-taking experience to students and provide diagnostic information on a student's knowledge and skills to the teacher and the student. The online assessment testing shall be available to every public school by the 2005-06 school year.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$4,000,000**

The Department of Education indicates that cost proposals to provide an online assessment system in elementary schools have been obtained previously. Based on cost proposals to provide such a system in elementary schools, it is estimated that the cost to provide such a system for both elementary and secondary schools would approximate \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually. (The exact cost of such a system can not be determined until a competitive bid process has been completed and a vendor has been awarded a contract.)

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director